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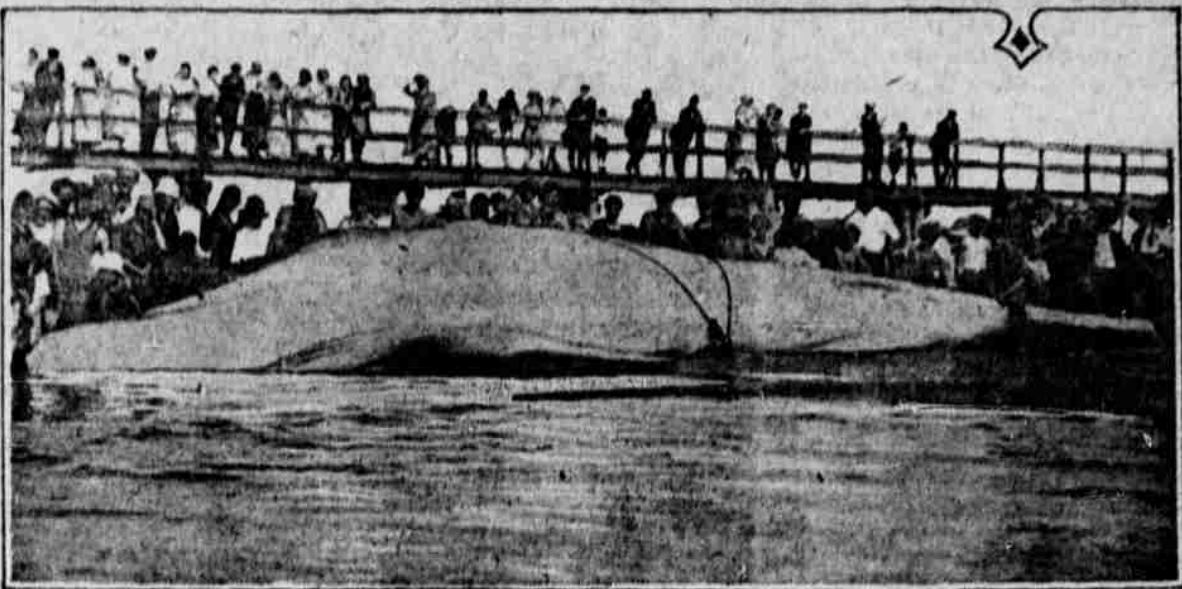


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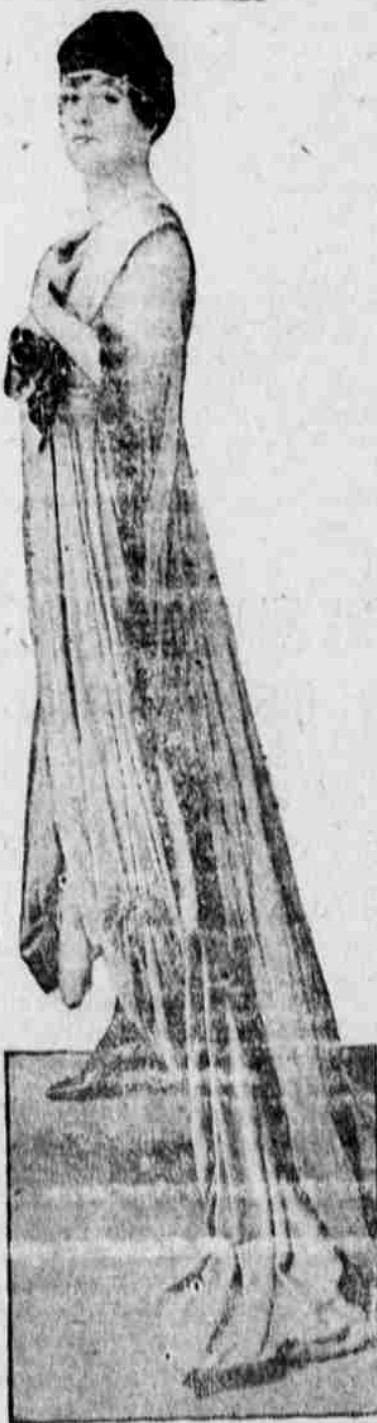
Charles J. O'Brien of Belle Harbor Yacht club of Long Island while fishing off Rockaway Beach chased a monstrous whale ashore, where it was killed. He caught three fluke besides.

BEST MAN AT A WEDDING.

Time Was When He Used to Assist in Abducting the Bride.

Do you know why the bridegroom's attendant at the wedding is called "best man" and how he happens to be such an important factor at a society wedding? He is supposed to look after the ushers, the carriage, the wedding ring and a host of other things that the fortunate lover could not be expected to concern himself with at such a time. But there was a period in the history of the human family when the best man had other duties than these to perform. It was when there was no church ceremony and when primitive people had come to the conclusion that marriage within the tribe was not good for the race. Then it became the fashion for the young man of marriageable age to go forth in quest of a bride, the daughter of some neighboring tribe.

Perhaps the girls were not entirely unwilling to be captured, but no girl, either ancient or modern, would admit for a moment that she had wandered away from the protection of her male relatives for the actual purpose of being abducted. Even if there was no brother at hand the girl was likely to put up a brave fight, and the prospective bridegroom had need of the assistance of a strong muscled friend to aid him in subduing her. There was very little to the ceremony once the girl had been taken to the home of her future lord, but the "best man" was always a honored guest in her home, especially if the marriage turned out well. In many mountainous parts of the civilized world where old customs obtain the "best man" still pretends to assist in abducting the bride.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.



SUCH A QUEEN!

Voluptuous trains are a hallmark of late evening gowns. So this one pictured has a little train falling over a wide square one of salmon-toned chiffon velvet. This material also affords the front, caught up with a French rose, a tiny replica of the gorgeous one in the corsage. The breasted are salmon satin also serving as a surprise effect.

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MONSTER BLUE WHALES.

The Most Gigantic Creatures This World Has Ever Known.

It has been said that the first duty of a whale is to be large. The blue whale is then the most successful whale, for it is the largest creature which has ever existed on the earth or in its waters. Even those extinct giant reptiles, the dinosaurs, which splashed along the borders of the inland seas of Wyoming and Montana 3,000,000 years ago, could not approach a blue whale either in length or weight.

In 1903 a blue whale was weighed in sections at Newfoundland. The animal was seventy-eight feet long, thirty-five feet around the shoulders, the head was nineteen feet from tip to tip. The tail sixteen feet from tip to tip. The total weight was sixty-three tons. The flesh weighed forty tons, the blubber eight tons, the blood, viscera and baleen seven tons and the bones eight tons.

Exaggerated accounts of the size of blue whales are current even in reputable books on natural history, but the largest specimen which has yet been actually measured and recorded is 187 feet long, stranded a few years ago upon the coast of New Zealand. It must have weighed at least seventy-five tons.

Whales are able to attain such an enormous size because their bodies are supported by the water in which they live. A bird is limited to the weight which its wings can bear up in the air. A land animal if it becomes too large cannot hold its body off the ground or readily move about and is doomed to certain destruction. But a whale has to face none of these problems and can grow without restraint.

Because whales live in a supporting medium their young are of enormous size at birth. In some instances the calf being almost half the length of its mother. I once took a twenty-five foot baby, which weighed about eight tons from an eighty-five foot blue whale—Roy Chapman Andrews in New York Independent.

UPRUSH OF THE SAP.

Force It Exerts in Its Mysterious Flow Through the Plants.

Even now the causes which underlie the great upward flow of sap in the spring are not completely understood. That the movement is accompanied by considerable force has been demonstrated in a remarkable manner.

In the spring season, when the sap is rising with great vigor, the stem of a grapevine was cut right across. When a little loss of time as possible a piece of bladder was tied over the surface of the wounded part. As fixed the bladder was in a state of collapse, but it did not remain in this condition long. Within half an hour it was obvious that it contained a good deal of fluid.

As time went on the amount of fluid matter increased so much that the bladder was quite full. Two hours after fixing the bladder was so distended that it was lifted right up. An hour later the pressure had increased to such a degree that the bladder burst, being unable to stand the strain any longer.

In this connection it is interesting to recall the experiment of Dutrochet, also with a grapevine stem. In this case a bent tube containing mercury was affixed to the cut stem in such a manner that any fluid coming from the plant would have to lift the column of quicksilver. In one of his experiments it was shown that the sap raised the column of mercury to the height of thirty inches. Dutrochet calculated that in such a case the force exercised by the sap was five times greater than that of the blood in the crural artery of the horse. It requires no student of anatomy to appreciate the force of this statement.—Baltimore American.

A Mohit Stanley Had.

It was remarked of the late Sir H. M. Stanley during his last visit to New York that he stood all the time with his back to the wall during receptions instead of standing out where people would pass behind him.

Lady Stanley laughingly explained that this was an old habit contracted in Africa—that Stanley always stood with his back against a tree or a barricade of some sort when brought in contact with the savages, and it had become such a habit with him that he took that position no matter where he was.

GEOMETRY ON THE BROILER.

As a Study It Is Pretty Well Roasted by This Caustic Critic.

Euclid is a gentleman from whom credentials ought to be required. He has long held a prominent place in education as a matter of tradition. "Just why should John and Sally study plane geometry, and indeed how does it come about that they are studying it?" That is a question which cannot be put too plainly to teachers of mathematics.

I shall consider for a moment two possible answers: Geometry is useful, you may be told, or geometry affords excellent mental discipline. Geometry is useful. Well, how useful and in what ways? Professor David E. Smith, professor of the teaching of mathematics in Teachers' college, tells us. "Not more than 25 per cent of the propositions (in geometry) have any genuine applications outside of geometry." And a distinguished physicist has assured me that the 75 per cent of propositions that are of no use are even needed to prove the 25 per cent that are of some use. The teachers of plane geometry have therefore a very considerable task if they are going to justify the time spent on geometry on the ground that geometry is useful.

Nor is their task easier if they take the other horn of the dilemma. Suppose one did get "mental discipline" from geometry. Is it the sort of mental discipline that life calls for and gives?

Geometry as taught is a deductive science. That is, from certain assumptions called axioms and postulates a long series of propositions is developed. If the study of geometry really developed that kind of thinking, whom would it help but lawyers? For practical life calls for a very different type of thinking.

In actual life people observe, or they should observe, and on this basis make a limited inference which leads to action. If the action taken fails, they observe further, construct other hypotheses and act again. It is the method of trial and error.

If there is to be any mental discipline, ought it not to be of the type represented by science rather than the type represented by the conventional treatment of geometry?—Abraham Flexner in Atlantic Monthly.

Evelyn and the Simpon Pass.

The Simpon pass was a famous highway of travel long before Napoleon constructed the highroad. Milton came home that way from his grand tour, and so did John Evelyn. The latter traveler went in fear of his life, not only expecting avalanches to fall on him, but being apprehensive lest bears and wolves should assail him. The only actual harm which happened, however, was that his companion's dog killed a goat belonging to one of the peasants and that heavy compensation had to be paid—"a pistol," says the diary, "for the goat and ten more for attempting to ride away."

Really Careful.

Natalie, aged five years, for the first time planted some pansy seeds in small boxes. One evening she rushed to water them, and on her return her mother said, "You know after a rain you don't have to water them."

Natalie's reply was startling: "Oh, I take them in when it rains!"—New York Times.

DO YOUR BEST.

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Eggs—Selected local extras, 37½@40.
Hens, 15½; broilers, 16@17; geese, 11½.
Copper, 28½.

Diamonds in this Country.

Diamonds are to be found in the United States, but only occasionally in alluvial materials and drift. More than fifty specimens have been identified, of which the largest, says the International Encyclopedia, weighing nearly twenty-four karats, was found at Manchester, Va., in 1855. Their occurrence is generally confined to the regions of the southern Appalachians, the great lakes and to the coast and Sierra Nevada ranges of California and Oregon.

On the Safe Side.

Mother—If I give you a dime now, Charlie, will you keep it to put in the plate on Sunday, or will you spend it selfishly on yourself? Charlie—I will let you know, mamma, after you have given it to me.—Chicago Herald.

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